

Appl. No. 10/816,384

Preliminary Amendment in RCE Responding to Office Action of December 5, 2005

REMARKS

In the December 5, 2005 Office Action, Claims 1-20 were rejected on several grounds. Each of these was dealt with in a response to the Office Action. In an Advisory Action, the Patent Office declined to allow the claims to issue. Amendments presented convert the claimed subject matter from compositions to methods of use of the compositions.

Applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited art shows, teaches or suggests a method of coating composites that have residual moisture produced by a cure reaction to reduce moisture loss from the coated composite, as set forth in Claim 1 and its dependent claims. The composition used in the coating method is recited in the claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited art shows a method of coating a cure composite to substantially prevent the development of cracks in the cured composite which is otherwise prone to moisture loss under environmental conditions to which it is exposed, as recited in Claim 14 and its dependent claims. The composition used in the coating method is recited in the claims.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and the following remarks which show that the claims are in condition for Allowance. Should any issues of formality remain that can be dealt with in a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (480) 385-5060 ext 401.

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If for any reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment on this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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